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February 21, 1991

Ms. Linda Beasley
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Re: General Die Casting Co. Site (the "Site")
Response to General Notice of Potential
Liability On Behalf of CMH Corporation
(formerly Wolverine Die Cast Corporation)

Dear Ms. Beasley:

This letter confirms both the original advice that CMH Corporation (the "Corporation") is not currently in a position to commit to the actions referenced in your letter time stamped January 15, 1991 for the reason that it does not believe it is or properly could be classified as a potentially responsible party, and the extension of time to respond to information requested in that letter.

Also pursuant to your request, I will very briefly summarize the information which you can expect will be supplied in greater detail in the information response to follow. First, the Corporation never owned or operated the Site and is not a successor to any owner or operator of the Site, although it did acquire certain unrelated assets of Norandex, Inc., an entity which did apparently own and operate the Site. Second, Mr. C.M. Hofmans, President of the Corporation, was an employee of Norandex, Inc. or related entities until approximately January, 1972. From August, 1970 to that date he was assigned to the Norandex operations in this area, stationed at the Nagel Street property. Previous to August, 1970, he was stationed in Canada. Although he has no records from that time which respond to your inquiries, his recollections of that time may provide information of assistance to your investigation. It is anticipated that the response to the information request will be in the form of a response to the inquiries on behalf of the Corporation, and a subsequent set of answers based on his recollections stemming from that era.

Although your inquiry was directed to the Corporation, and this information is not known to him as a result of any activity of

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the Corporation but only as a result of his former employment, the response will include that information as well, so as to most expeditiously advance your inquiry into matters pertaining to the Site. I must caution you that Mr. Hofmans' employment by Noranda Mines or an affiliate in the United States was at a time after operations had ceased at the Site and that it afforded him little access to or information about the hazardous waste matters into which you inquire. Additionally, time dims recollections, and your inquiry goes to matters that he may have become aware of if at all only incidentally to his employment, and twenty years ago at that. Nonetheless, he is plumbing those recollections for inclusion in the information response for whatever value they may be.

Very truly yours,

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